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Police insist reporter helped Faeldon escape













Melo has inside track in Comelec derby

By Christine O. Avendaño



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Panlilio, foes spar in public dialogue



PANLILIO at the dialogue: "A forum to clarify"

Unity and service

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Reconciliation?

Church asked to take firmer stand vs GMA

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'Unicameral shift is all that's needed'

By Norman Bordadora

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By Michael Lim Ubac

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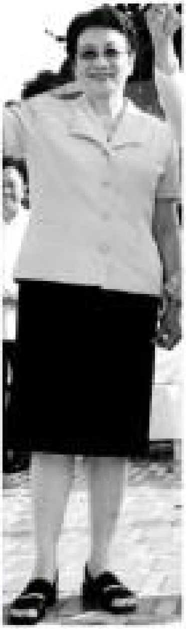
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GMA in Davos

Bishop denies dinner with GMA; sends thank you note to host



"Spontaneous"

Another bishop declines invite

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Attempts to bribe?



High oil prices will hurt the economy and Juan dela Cruz in the short run. But they can also speed up development of alternative fuels and sources of energy, as well as the adoption of creative solutions by sectors and citizens.

Stakeholders will come together to discuss the issues and make recommendations on policies, laws and action plans.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 29, 2008
Perspective Setting and Stakeholder's Concerns

7:30 - 9:00 am Registration
9:00 - 9:10 am Doxology and National Anthem - DOE Chorale
9:10 - 9:20 am Opening Remarks
HON. ANGELO T. REYES, Secretary, Department of Energy
9:20 - 12:00 pm **Plenary Session 1: The Impact of Current Oil Price Trends**
A. Global and Regional Perspective
Mr. Thomas Crouch, Deputy General Director, ADB
Mr. Sohail Hasnie, Senior Energy Specialist, ADB
B. Philippine Perspective
Dr. Cayetano W. Paderanga, Jr., Chairman, Institute for Development and Econometric Analysis (IDEA) Inc.
Discussants:
Mr. Emmanuel De Dios, Dean, UP School of Economics
Dr. Rene B. Azurin, UP College of Business Administration
Dr. Bert Hofman, Country Director for the Philippines, World Bank
Dr. Jose Ramon T. Villarin, SJ, President, Xavier University
Plenary Session 2: Stakeholders' Concerns
A. Oil Industry
Mr. Edgar O. Chua, Country Chairman, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp.
Discussants:
Atty. Democrito T. Mendoza, President, TUCP
Ms. Elisea G. Gozun, Chairperson, Earth Day Network Phils.
Mr. Sulficio O. Tagud, Jr., Chairman of the Board, Negros Navigation
Mr. Renato Reyes, Secretary General, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan

1:00 - 5:00 pm **B. Consumer Sector**
Mr. Raul T. Concepcion, Chairman, Consumer & Oil Price Watch
Discussants:
Hon. Percival C. Chavez, CEO, Presidential Comm for the Urban Poor
Hon. Domingo Panganiban, Lead Convenor, NAPC
Mr. Tadayuki Ogawa, Consultant, Japan Int'l Cooperation Agency (JICA)
Mr. Raymond A. Marquez, President, Energy Practitioners Assn. of the Phils.
C. Industry/Export Sector
Mr. Monaldo Carlos, Federation of Philippine Industries
Discussants:
Hon. Lilia P. de Lima, Director General, PEZA
USEC Zenaida Maglaya, Small and Medium Enterprises Development
Mr. Jose Maria Zabaleta, Sr., Exec. Director, Phil Sugar Millers Assn.
D. Transport Sector
Atty. Vigor Mendoza, Chairman, United Transport Koalisyon (1-UTAK)
Usec Anneli Lontoc, DOTC
Mr. Robert C. Nacianceno, General Manager, MMDA
Mr. Fernando L. Martinez, President, Eastern Petroleum Corp.
Atty. Angela Consuelo Ibay, Program Coordinator, Clima
E. Labor Sector
Hon. Crispin Beltran, Partylist Representative, Anakpawis
Discussants:
Ambassador Donald G. Dee, Chairman, PCCI
Asec Ma. Teresa Soriano, Dept. of Labor and Employment
Mr. Ferdinand R. Gaite, President, Courage

January 30, 2008
Processing Issues and Options - Part One

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8:45 - 9:00 Doxology and National Anthem - TransChorale
9:00 - 9:10 Thematic Recap of Day 1 and Presentation of Program for Day 2
9:10 - 9:20 Perspective from the House of Representatives: EPIRA Law & Implementation of Open Access
HON. MIGUEL M. ARROYO, Chairman, House Committee on Energy
9:20 - 12:00 pm **Plenary Panel Discussion: The Imperative of Energy Security & Sustainable Dev't.**
1. Oil, Gas and Coal: Which Way Forward?
Mr. Jesse G. Ang, Country Manager, International Finance Corp.
2. Renewable Energy: Wave of the Future?
Mr. Jose Lorenzo P. Tan, Vice Chairman, Worldwide Fund for Nature - Phils.
3. Solar Energy: Hot prospects for the Philippines?
Mr. Greg Reichow, Managing Director, SunPower Philippines Mfg. Ltd.
4. Nuclear Energy: Time to revisit the option?
Dr. Jose D. Juliano, Ph.D. in Physics and Chemistry, NAST
5. Energy Choices: Is climate change in the equation?
Dr. Kelvin Rodolfo, Adjunct Professor, Nat'l. Inst. of Geological Sciences, UP

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Workshop 1: Accelerating Investments in Oil and Gas Exploration and Dev't
Atty. Eduardo F. Hernandez, President, Petroleum Association of the Philippines
Panel of Experts:
Ms. Rachel Masters, Fugro Multi-Client Services, Singapore
Mr. Patrick Tan, Country Representative in Vietnam, Fugro Multi-Client Services
Mr. Kevin Lyon, Chevron Malampaya LLC
Mr. Seth Flavin, Asset Manager, Shell Phils. Exploration B.V.
Mr. Jeff Dawson, Chief Operation Officer, Galoc Production
WORKSHOP 2: Promoting Renewable Energy: Regulatory Framework and Policy Direction
Ms. Catherine P. Maceda, Deputy Managing Director, ECN, Inc.
Panel of Experts:
Dr. Nandita Mongia, Energy Adviser, UNDP
Mr. Larry Baynete, President, NSAP
Mr. Alberto R. Dalusung III, Consultant, Preferred Energy Inc.
WORKSHOP 3: Promoting Renewable Energy: Market and Financial Barriers
Mr. Marlon Centeno, Vice President, NORTHWIND
Panel of Experts:
Mr. Reynaldo G. David, President, DBP
Ms. Anita Cadiao, Team Leader, Philippines Microfinance
WORKSHOP 4: Promoting Renewable Energy: Technology Options
Dr. Rowaldo D. Del Mundo, Associate Professor, National Engineering Center
Panel of Experts:
Mr. Celestino E. Damian, President, Fiesig Agricultural Dev't & Industrial Supply Corp.
Dr. Angelito V. Angeles, CLSU
Ms. Jane Blackey, President & CEO, Trexwell Investments Asia Corp.
Mr. Gregorio Serafica, President, Renewable Energy Association of the Phils.

January 31, 2008
Processing Issues and Options - Part Two

7:30 - 8:00 am Registration
8:45 - 9:00 Doxology and National Anthem - NPC Chorale
9:00 - 9:10 Perspective from the Senate:
Hon. Miriam Santiago Defensor, Philippine Senate
9:10 - 9:20 Thematic Recap of Days 1 and 2; Presentation of Program for Day 3
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9:30 - 12:00 pm 1. **Energy Conservation: Asian Experience**
Dr. Hiroshi Nagiyama, Ph. D. Energy Science Consultant, JICA
2. **Fostering Competition in the Electric Power Industry**
Dr. Yongpin Zhai, Principal Energy Specialist, Southeast Asia Infrastructure Div.
3. **Subsidized Oil Prices: Are They Sustainable?**
Mr. Neil Atkinson, Senior Consultant, KBC Market Services, London
4. **Weighing the Tradeoff: Food vs. Fuel**
Dr. Emil Q. Javier, President, National Academy for Science and Technology
5. **Lighting Poor Communities: The Experience of AKORE**
Ms. Teichi Cruz-Capellan, Chief of Party AKORE - Winrock International
6. **Consumer Protection During Energy Crisis**
Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, Philippine Senate
Plenary Panel Discussion 2: Ensuring follow-thru of Summit Action Plans
1. **Scaling up Best Energy Practices across Sectors thru Social Mobilization**
a. Mobilizing Communities around Responsible Use of Energy
Ms. Odette Alcantara, Convenor, Mother Earth Philippines
b. Green Buildings: Test Case in Advocacy
Arch. Christopher de la Cruz, Convenor, Philippine Green Building Council
2. **Institutionalizing a Mechanism for Monitoring and Evaluation of Proposed Interventions**
Dr. Antonio G.M. La Viña, Dean, Ateneo School of Government

1:30 - 5:00 WORKSHOPS - (simultaneous sessions in separate breakout rooms)
WORKSHOP 5: Promoting Energy Efficiency & Conservation in the Phils.
Dr. Benjamin Austria, Executive Director, Energy Development & Utilization Fnd.
WORKSHOP 6: Lowering Power Rates for Industry
Dr. Fernando T. Aldaba, Competitiveness and Consumer Welfare Faculty, AIM
WORKSHOP 7: Responding to High Oil Prices
Mr. Carlos Almaceda, Chairman, Independent Oil Deregulation Review
WORKSHOP 8: Alternative Fuels: Issues and Concerns
Mr. Alexander P. Lopez, Trustee, FILCAR Foundation
WORKSHOP 9: Scaling up Best Energy Practices Across Sectors through Social Mobilization - Mr. Jasper Inventor, Greenpeace
WORKSHOP 10: Setting Success Indicators-Mechanism for Monitoring Cross-Sectoral Intervention
Dr. Segundo Romero, Faculty Member, DAP School of Public & Dev't. Mgmt.

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INQUIRER Opinion

Recession blues

ECONOMISTS DO NOT REALLY KNOW WHETHER the US economy is already in a recession. But it is best for government policymakers to assume that the slowing US economy, the Philippines' largest export market, will slow down even further. Indeed, some experts expect Southeast Asia to be the hardest hit by the US slowdown.

EDITORIAL

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The tragedy of the rural poor

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

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Two challenges

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Solita Collas-Monsod

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Some relief in poverty too

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Manila imperialism and some of its manifestations

National IDs a must in other countries

Report distresses fellow reporter

Great choice for 'Filipino of the Year'

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PNP: Cebu dumping ground of stolen cars

CEBU CITY—POLICE SAID A SYNDICATE THAT was involved in the registration of stolen vehicles in Cebu was operating inside the Land Transportation Office in the province.



Fate of Teachers' Camp hangs as privatization rumors spread

Co-ops slam new gov't regulations

'Cooperatives are part of the low to middle classes and they are partners of the working class...'

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Death of an ex-Bohol revolutionary



Life above ground

Accusations

Sulu legislator says ID system enforcement illegal

Cops rescue 13 women from Lucena traffickers



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Baguio turns to traders for solution to trash woes

1,000 flee clashes in Tagum between NPAs, Army

Priests in West Mindanao receive death threats



Baguio plans tougher rules vs 'eyesores'

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Red Bull boots out Magnolia



It's not about big names, it's about big heart, says Guiao

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‘Water pollution a threat’

Gov’t not enforcing environment laws – SWS survey

By Jocelyn R. Uy

FIVE OF EVERY 10 FILIPINOS BELIEVE WATER pollution is a serious threat to their health and environment, but the government is unable to enforce environmental laws.

Results of a survey of the Social Weather Stations released yesterday also showed that at least three of every six residents of Metro Manila did not agree that pollution was an “acceptable” trade-off for economic progress.

The SWS survey, a first on water pollution and enforcement of environmental laws, was commissioned by the environmental group Greenpeace as part of its “Project: Clean Wa-

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PUBLIC WARNING





Arroyo administration the most arrogant

On Target

'Missing' oil tanker driver shows up at NBI

Evicted railway settlers picket Korean embassy

Skyway: No contract workers

'Water pollution a threat'

MetroBriefs

Cops looking for bus conductor in heist

Houseboy charged



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Tens of thousands more Gazans flood Egypt

US-led soldiers kill 9 Afghan policemen



BABY ELEPHANT BATH

Saddam admitted he miscalculated, FBI agent says

Prodi quits; Italy seeks way out of crisis

Clinton, McCain scoop NYT endorsement



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Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziganay



US scientists close to creating artificial life

WASHINGTON—US SCIENTISTS HAVE TAKEN A MAJOR STEP toward creating the first ever artificial life form by synthetically reproducing the DNA of a bacteria, according to a study published Thursday.

The move, which comes after five years of research, is seen as the penultimate stage in the endeavor to create an artificial life form based entirely on a man-made DNA genome—something which has tantalized scientists and sci-fi writers for years.

"We have shown that building large genomes is now feasible and scalable so that important applications such as biofuels can be developed," said Hamilton Smith, from the J. Craig Venter Institute, in the study published in Science.

The research has been carried out at the laboratories of the controversial celebrity US scientist Craig Venter, who has hailed artificial life forms as a potential remedy to illness and global warming.

However, the prospect of engineering artificial life forms is highly controversial and arouses heated debate over the ethics and its potential ramifications.

It is one of the holy grails of science, but also one that stirs deep fears as foreseen in Aldous Huxley's 1932 novel "Brave New World" in which natural human reproduction is eschewed in favor of babies grown artificially in laboratories.

Venter said in a statement: "This extraordinary accomplishment is a technological marvel that was only made possible because of the unique and accomplished ... team."

Lead author Dan Gibson said the team had completed the second step in a three-step process to create a synthetic organism.

In the final stage of their research, which they are already working on, the Maryland-based team will attempt to create a bacteria based purely on the synthetic genome sequence of the Mycoplasma genitalium bacteria.

The bacteria, which causes certain sexually transmitted diseases, has one of the least complex DNA structures of any life form, composed of just 580 genes.

In contrast, the human genome has some 30,000.

The chromosome which Venter and his team has created is known as Mycoplasma laboratorium and, in the final step of the process, will be transplanted into a living cell where it should "take control," effectively becoming a new life form.

"When we started this work several years ago, we knew it was going to be difficult because we were heading into unknown territory," said Smith.

But other scientists remain cautious, saying Venter and his team are still a long way from being able to create artificial life.

And ETC, a Canadian watchdog group that uncovered Venter's patent application for M. laboratorium, voiced concern about accountability.

"Venter is claiming bragging rights to the world's longest length of synthetic DNA, but size isn't everything. The important question is not 'how long?', but 'how wise?'" said Jim Thomas from ETC.

"While synthetic biology is speeding ahead in the lab and in the marketplace, societal debate and regulatory oversight is stalled, and there has been no meaningful or inclusive discussion on how to govern synthetic biology in a safe and just way."

Eckard Wimmer, professor of molecular biology at New York University, said it was clear from Venter's study that the team had not yet created artificial life.

He said he was left with "the unpleasant feeling whether or not the synthetic DNA was indeed proper and able for biological function." **AFP**



FDA downplays long-term impact of animal cloning

WASHINGTON—MEAT AND MILK PRODUCTS of offspring from the 600 cloned animals in the United States most likely have not entered the nation's food supply, an official with the US Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday, as the agency downplayed the long-term impact of cloning.

The FDA last week said meat and milk from cloned cattle, swine and goats and their offspring were as safe to eat as products obtained from traditional animals. Before then, farmers and ranchers had followed a voluntary moratorium that prevented the sale of clones and their offspring.

"There is no feeling that this will ever become a way of mass producing animals," Stephen Sundlof, director of FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, told reporters.

He noted that another reproductive technique used in agriculture, in vitro fertilization and embryo transfer, has been used to create only a small portion of the millions of animals on US farms.

It would take four or five years before consumers are able to buy clone-derived food on a wide scale as animals need to be cloned, mature and give birth. So far, several major food companies including Tyson Foods Inc., the largest US meat company, and Smithfield Foods Inc. have said they would avoid using cloned animals.

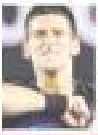
The FDA and the small cloning industry both maintain cloned animals are as safe as regular animals.

"At this point in time we don't believe there are offspring out there in the nation's food supply system," said Sundlof. "We are not really concerned with tracking progeny because they are in every respect a normal animal."

Even as the FDA unveiled its final rule, the Agriculture Department has asked the cloning industry to prolong the ban on selling products from cloned animals during a "transition" period expected to last at least several months.

Democratic lawmakers Sen. Barbara Mikulski and Rep. Rosa DeLauro have introduced legislation that would require a label on products from cloned animals or their offspring. Some state lawmakers also have introduced similar legislation.

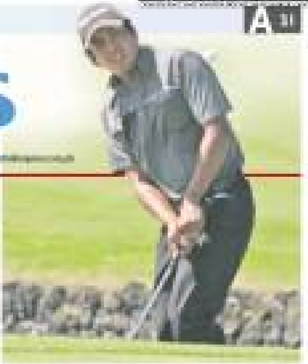
"If cloned food is safe, let it onto the market, but give consumers the information they need to avoid these products if they choose to," said Mikulski. **Reuters**



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SPORTS



Pagunsan keeps field at bay despite a 72

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Two down, instead of one

Three-putts on last three holes

Pacman among 'most powerful men'



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Patafa 'exclusion' stuns Dagmil

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Four events added to 2008 POF; northern qualifier set

Streaking Sharpova won't mind losing 'Aussie' final



SHARAPOVA



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Djokovic dethrones 'The King'

Serb star halts Federer Grand Slam final run, sets final vs 'Ali'



SPURS TRIUMPH

There's still no light at tunnel's end for Miami

Matteson leads Buick; Woods trails by two

Toby's junior volley: Concepcion ES nail 2nd win

96 riders seeing action in Tour de Calatagan

Swim ass'n clinches NSA of Year plum

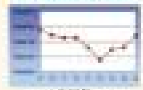
Business

'07 economic growth seen at 6.9-7.3%

Fastest expansion in 17 years led by gov't spending

THE ECONOMY WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE GROWN ANYwhere between 6.9 and 7.3 percent last year, marking its strongest finish in at least 17 years, bolstered by higher government spending and investments in the services sector.

Currencies



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

40.80

Stock Market

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Stocks continue to recover

GSIS seen to invest $2.5B abroad



GARCIA

Peso rallies to 40.80 to $1 on Moody's upgrade

SSS to book ₱9.11B in profit from stake sale

By Doris C. Dumlao

Big boost to 2008 income

Vista Land owners extend lockup period

PSBank posts 23% jump in '07 profit

By Doris C. Dumlao

Stocks continue to recover

GSIS seen ...

Asian exporters prepare for effects of US economic downturn

Asian stocks rise on relief over outlook

US lawmakers forge stimulus deal

$150-B package designed to fight recession, rejuvenate economy



Rogue SocGen trader a 'genius of fraud'



Peso rallies to 40.80 to $1 on Moody's ...

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Imports surged 12.7% to $4.51B in November

India firm acquires RP call center



CEREMONIAL SWAP

DA pushes bill that will ease funding for grains highway



SCIENCE/HEALTH



Health firm finds new way to get garlic's full benefit

By Charles E. Buban

FOR THOUSANDS OF years, garlic's health potential did not escape the notice of herbalists as well as physicians.

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Solution

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Unstable

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2008: The Year of the Reef

DISCOVER



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First celebration

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Timely

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'No take' zone

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St. Luke's helps patient defy liver cancer 'death sentence'

CAREPLUS



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2 types of liver tumors

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Treatment

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CANCER survivor Dr. Lourdes Bautista (left) is eternally grateful to St. Luke's liver specialist Dr. Julian Cornasion (right) for her new lease on life.

For love or for money

EUREKA!



Queena N. Lee-Chua

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Money and science

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Love and science

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PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang



THE GRAMERCY Residences will be the first building to rise within the 3.4-hectare Century City.

Gramercy Residences
to reshape Makati skyline

By Juan V. Sarmiento Jr.

A SKY PARK WITH INFINITY pools, waterfalls, restaurant, and fitness centre more than 56 stories above the ground is the piece de resistance of a new project of the developer of Essensa East Forbes, adjudged the best residential condo in the Philippines.

Gramercy Residences, a 65-floor building, is one of the structures that will rise at the 3.4-hectare Century City, a P48-billion project of Century City Development Corp. on Kalayaan Avenue in Makati.

CCDC, an affiliate of Century Properties Group, envisions the Gramercy Residences to be an architectural icon in the Philippines. But [illegible]

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Gramercy Residences to reshape . . .





PONTE VERDE DE STO. TOMAS





Luxure Properties tops off first . . .

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LUXUREVILLE'S Goldfinch Residence, the first of 7 mid-rise condominium clusters to be constructed within the 1.25 hectare property, stands tall on Meadows Street in Multinational Village, Moonwalk, Parañaque.

Optimism

Spada expressed optimism over the success of LPBC, realized in LuxureVille, as she enthusiastically added: "With the unwavering support of our Kababayans (countrymen) around this innovative real estate development, we are now, more than ever, more confident to take our growth to even greater heights as we fast-track the property's development in 2009. Rest assured that LuxureVille's residents will be able to savor the renewed sense of freedom and comfort in home living sooner than expected."

A world-class integrated property developer, LPBC takes its vision of quality living in graceful form with the architectural and engineering masterpiece that is LuxureVille, which features an elegant cluster of mid-rise condominiums that exhibits the flair of a unique contemporary tropical dwelling. Each condominium cluster is named after familiar tropical birds that emphasize LuxureVille's lush tropical ambience and its central theme of freedom: Nightingale, Canary, Starling, Hummingbird, Toucan, Seahawk and the Goldfinch.

LuxureVille was inaugurated in August 2007, via a groundbreaking ceremony at its site in Multinational Village, Moonwalk, Parañaque, and was graced by city officials headed by Mayor Florencio Bernabe Jr. and Rep. Roilo Golez (2nd district, Parañaque).

LPBC holds offices at 3/F Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City.

Luxure Properties tops off first of 7 mid-rise condos

THE REFRESHING LUXURE Ville lifestyle is just about ready for its future residents to savor, as Luxure Properties and Development Corp., in partnership with its marketing arm, Pan Asia Management Inc., takes spatial living to greater heights with the topping-off ceremony of its GoldBirch Residency.

The first of the seven mid-rise condominiums at LuxureVille, LPDC's premiere real estate venture, GoldBirch Residency is located on Marlboro Street in Multinational Village, Moonwalk, Parañaque City.

With the overall completion of the physical structure of the GoldBirch Residence, the topping-off ceremony underscores the desire of LPDC to provide an enriching community definitive of elegance, nature's spoils, and distinctive spatial independence.

The good life

"LuxureVille is the good life made manifest by a nurturing home and a progressive community, founded on family, friendship and the passion to live life to the fullest. LuxureVille is a refreshing take on today's modern lifestyle, with emphasis on the enrichment of individual well-being to maximize one's liberty to actualize his dreams," said LPDC president Fr. Perez Agodo of the LuxureVille lifestyle.

Agodo, together with LPDC Chair Richard Lee, Pan Asia Property Management Inc. President Conrad Marty and the LPDC design and engineering team led by principal architect Angelito Chua Chiaco as well as engineers Benjamin Capillan (general contractor) and Antonio Gutierrez (structural consultant), spearheaded the ceremonies atop the nine-storey GoldBirch Residency.

The topping off ceremony also hails the continuing progress of LPDC's operations which is set to further fast-track the LuxureVille project with the construction for the majestic grand entrance and roads within the 1.25-hectare property.



AT THE TOPPING-OFF ceremony are (from left) LPDC Structural Consultant Antonio Gutierrez and General Contractor Benjamin Capillan, LPDC Chair Richard Lim Lee, Principal Architect Angelito Chua Chiaco, LPDC President Fr. Perez Agodo and Pan Asia Property Management President Conrad B. Marty.

PROPERTY

Green construction methods

GREEN ARCHITRENDS

Amado de Jesus



The need for green construction

Benefits of green construction



GREEN construction can prevent waste by designing within the standard dimensions of building components such as reinforcing bars, roofing materials and ceiling panels. Excessive waste will result if these standards are not used as basis for design.

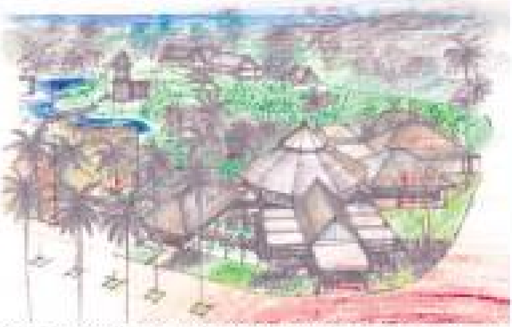
Working conditions

Choosing the right art pieces for your homes

Art pieces for your homes



Always use pairs



Playa Calatagan set to open world-class beach resort

Active lifestyle

Targets surpassed

Creative, pioneering spirit

A new take on loft living at Eton Emerald Lofts

Loft living

Grand plan

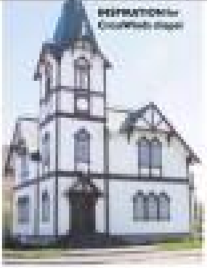


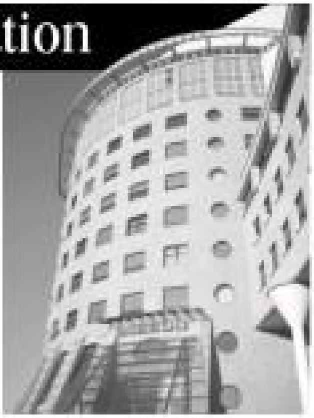
Antel Spa Residences evokes nature with urban style

Snapshots of nature

Optimizing space

Brittany—beyond imagination



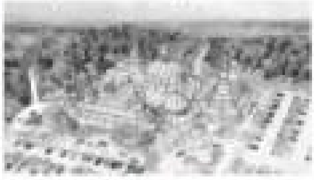


Portofino

Georgia Club

Lakefront City Central

CrossWinds





TRIBECA Private Residences

Life in bloom at Tribeca Central Park



Central Park



Welcome respite

Megaworld champions new era of BPO dev't that's environment-friendly



Contribution to better environment

Conserving electricity



Appreciating the magic of mirrors



More than mere reflection



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Super Comfort class

The Softer Side of Mark Burnett
by Tals Diaz

A spa story that would make Lemony Snicket proud
by Pam Pastor

Muffled beats
by James Gabrillo

Eternal Rest: Heath Ledger & Brad Renfro

Chill Brazil
by Juana Manahan

The Super crew wants you!
We're recruiting new members for our high flying Super crew!

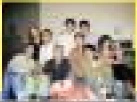






comfort zone

What is comfort for you? These Super people answer this question with pictures



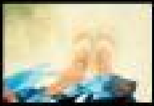
PRIZED POSSESSIONS, strong beliefs, secret hideaways, kindred spirits. Different people find comfort in different things.

We asked some Super people this soul-baring question: What is comfort for you?

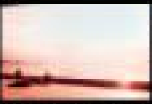
They answered the question with pictures.

This isn't just a photo spread, this is a celebration of ... the many faces of comfort in single frames.



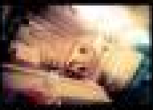










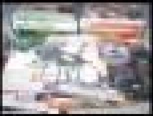


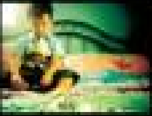


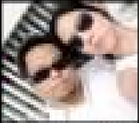


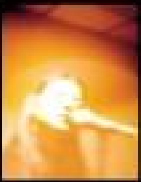


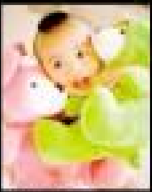








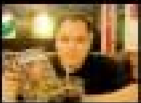




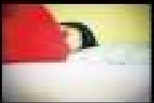


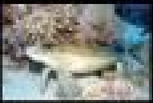










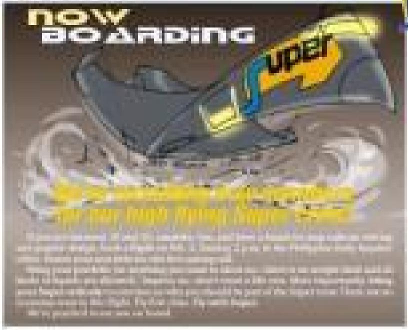


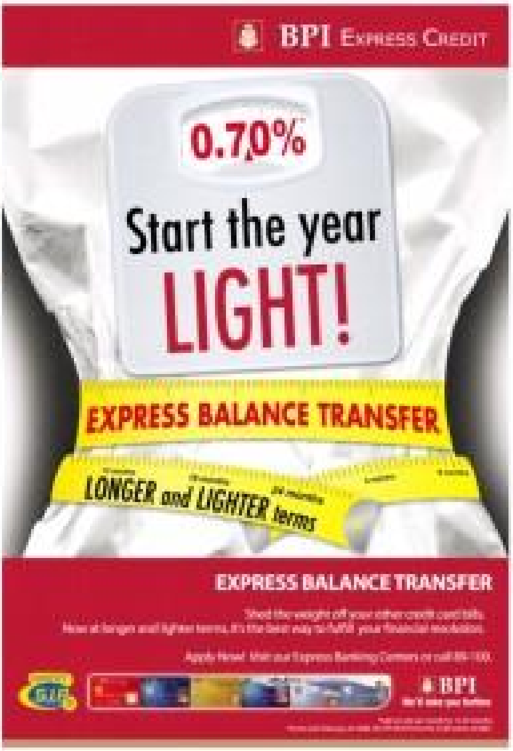












EWWW!!!

BACTERIA IN YOUR PHLEGM

BEEN IN AN EWWW SITUATION?

"Ewww" is when you touch the underside of your table, find a stale gum sticking there for quite some time now and discover that it has changed its color and smell.

Now that's disgusting...ewww!!!

Just like the bacteria in your phlegm. But more than disgusting, the bacteria in your phlegm can be very dangerous as well.

THE EWWW PHLEGM

We all know that coughing is an involuntary action by the body to clear a blockage or irritant from the body's airways. Phlegm is an irritant that needs to be expelled from the body especially when it becomes excessive.

There is possible health risk if phlegm is not expelled from the body. But do you know why? Bacteria. Bacteria stick and reproduce on the phlegm.

Normally, our body's airways produce mucus, which is swept along by tiny hairs called cilia. If mucus becomes thick and excessive, irritants can stick to it, thus, making it difficult for the cilia to sweep away the mucus. This can result to bacteria build-up. And when there are bacteria, serious infection can happen.

OUT OF THE STICKY SITUATION

Now that you are made aware of the equation and the gravity of the possible outcome (cough / phlegm + bacteria = infection), you are not about to just sit down and do nothing when you have cough, right? You should not wait for your cough to get worse.

(Carbocisteine) Solmux should help you out of this sticky situation. Simple. Because Solmux is Carbocisteine, it helps reduce the viscosity of the phlegm, thus, making it easier for you to expel. That's what we call **BACTERIA EXPEL ACTION**: getting rid of the phlegm and the bacteria trapped in it.

No more ewww!

Just ahhh! Relief from cough with phlegm. Relief because you know that whatever possible bacteria that are trapped in your phlegm are also expelled.

(Carbocisteine) Solmux. Tanggal plema, tanggal bacteria (bacteria trapped in phlegm). Ang gamot na may bubuga!







THUNDER ROAD



Present Perfect Nostalgia

There are tunes that you reserve for those calming times



Records recommended

Dibidyo

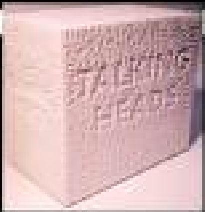
The Black Keys Live

Pixies Sell Out

Beatbox

The Talking Heads

Brick



Zinc Alley

Dandy in the Underworld

The Slider

Singles As & Bs

New Order: A Collection



Bob Dylan: No Direction Home



SUPER FEATURE

R.I.P. (Rebels In Peace)

In the tradition of James Dean and River Phoenix, two of Hollywood's young rebels recently lost their lives in their twenties









RELAXATION area

A Series Of Unfortunate Massages

The series ended with a blissful trip to The Spa at Mandarin Oriental Manila





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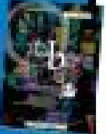




24/7 SUPER RADAR

By Janine Cuenca-Darilo and Toot Juan







See green

Super

The reality of Mark Burnett



In this exclusive interview, Mark Burnett talks about the drama of real life, while unveiling his latest baby, 'Contender Asia'



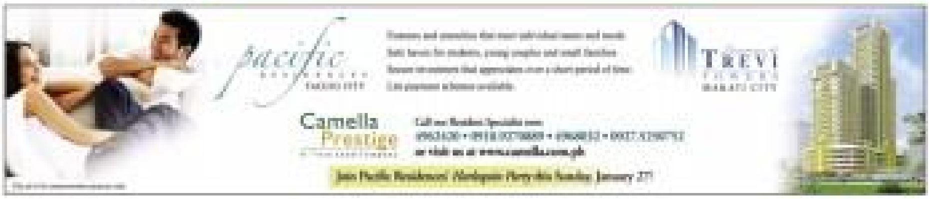
LEAVING PEOPLE STRANDed on a deserted island, encouraging social manipulation for a million dollars, voting people off, firing prospective employees—it's an intimidating résumé to say the least. Mark Burnett has, after all, made a fortune out of people's fear of social rejection. Yet when the king of reality TV and court send-offs walks into the room, carrying a bottle filled with yellow liquid, he surprises all by speaking — in a whisper.

"I hope you don't mind if I drink my own pee," Mark Burnett jokes in a sandpapery voice, "it's very healthy." He had been screaming for hours, he shares, [illegible]

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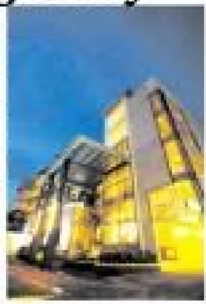
THE REALITY/ P.D2





Where to Stop Where to Go

Living it up in Naga City



Blissful bridal shower at Hyatt Hotel and Casino

Courtyard Inn Subic: Gateway to fun!

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Palaisdaan in Tayabas honors its patriarch

Waterfront Hotels and Casinos' new officer

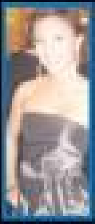


Business and pleasure at The Linden Suites

The reality of Mark Burnett







> "That's something that I like the idea of—raw nature. It really strips away the varnish of people who, through their need to have a defense mechanism, don't wish to show who they really are."

The reality of Mark Burnett







Ambushing Contender Zach

SATURDAY Special



NOW SHOWING

Crowe, Washington act against type in 'American Gangster'

"American Gangster"

WASHINGTON AND CROWE: Play

Manila Southwoods Wins Audubon International's Green Golfer Challenge



> "The simple actions golfers can take are good for the game and the environment."
>
> Kevin A. Fletcher, Ph.D. Executive Director, Audubon International

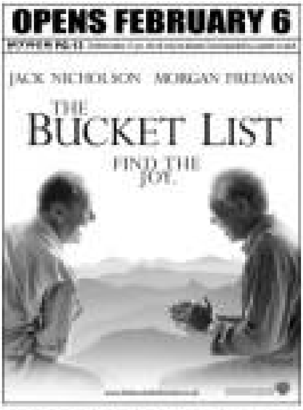
The Audubon Green Golfer Pledge

DIRECTOR'S CUT

Villaluna, Ramos dramatize different kind of imprisonment

By Ronald G. Mangubat













Protector

Usual practice

Real inmates

Crowe . . .



Mari Avellana acts again in 'Tuesdays with Morrie'

By Edmund L. Sicam


AVELLANA: Actor of two National Artists.

15-year absence

Battle scene

Projects

First major role

Comedy classic gets lackluster remake

By Nestor Torre


STILLER AND AKERMAN: Play husband and wife in "The Heartbreak Kid."

Gross-out gags

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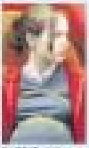


Untimely demise ends Heath Ledger's promising career

Prescription drugs

Legacy

Fresh viewing treats



Ideal couple

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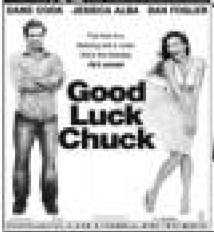
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SNEAK PREVIEWS

January 28 to 29



- GALLERIA
- ERMITA
- METRO EAST
- NOVALICHES
- IMUS
- DASMARIÑAS
- STA. ROSA
- STARMILLS
- ANGELES

REGULAR Showing February 6
MTRCB Rating: R18

ERMITA

1 SWEENEY TODD
2 indieSine: SIKIL
3 JOHN RAMBO
4 HEARTBREAK KID / DRAGON WARS
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2 RESERVED
3 JOHN RAMBO
4 NATIONAL TREASURE 2
5 DRAGON WARS 2
6 I AM LEGEND
7 AMERICAN GANGSTER
8 RESERVED

PIONEER

1 JOHN RAMBO
2 ALIEN vs. PREDATOR 2
3 P.S. I LOVE YOU
4 NATIONAL TREASURE 2

STA. ROSA

1 JOHN RAMBO
2 ALIEN vs. PREDATOR 2
3 RESERVED
4 I AM LEGEND
5 NATIONAL TREASURE 2

LIPA

1 BEE MOVIE
2 NATIONAL TREASURE 2
3 ELIZABETH
4 HOOD OF HORROR

DASMARIÑAS

1 ALIEN vs. PREDATOR 2
2 I AM LEGEND
3 JOHN RAMBO
4 NATIONAL TREASURE 2

IMUS

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2 AMERICAN GANGSTER
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4 ALIEN vs. PREDATOR 2

ANGELES

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4 JOHN RAMBO

TARLAC

1 I AM LEGEND
2 NATIONAL TREASURE 2
3 DESPERADAS

STARMILLS

1 I AM LEGEND
2 DESPERADAS
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4 THE HEARTBREAK KID
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6 JOHN RAMBO

BACOLOD

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3 BEE MOVIE / I AM LEGEND
4 DEATH PROOF
5 THE HEARTBREAK KID
6 CATACOMBS

ILOILO

1 ALIEN vs. PREDATOR 2
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a film by Martin Cabrera

From a maverick film group

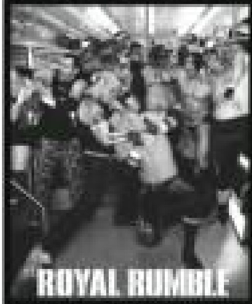
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"WATCH AND WIN PROMO"

Not enough buzz to this 'Bee'



Haphazard flight

Colorful world



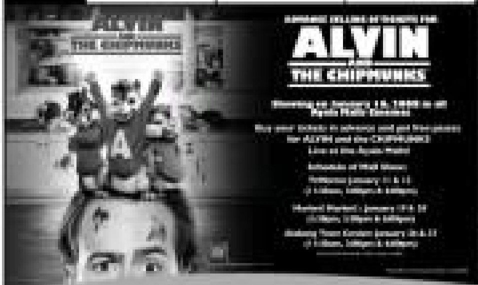


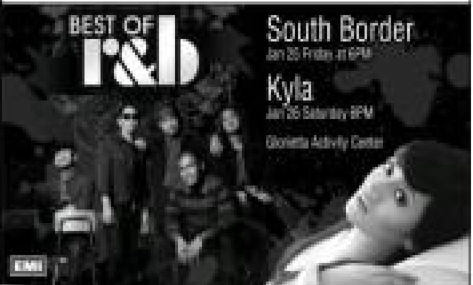
AT THE CINEMAS

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AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	[illegible] January 28 to February 8
Greenbelt	WELCOME 2008 SALE January 11 to February 3
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	WELCOME 2008 SALE January 11 to February 3
Market! Market!	WELCOME 2008 SALE January 11 to February 3
Christmas	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	WELCOME 2008 SALE January 11 to February 3





Self-imposed respite yields theatrical, literary treats



Reading list

Violence against women



Classical music

Heart-pinching moments

600 Sto. Niños on exhibit

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero



Popular venue

MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL AT GUMBO

Come January 30 - February 5, Gumbo, A New Orleans Restaurant located at the 2nd level Entertainment Mall, SM Mall of Asia; 2nd level The Block and SM North EDSA will celebrate the exciting and much-awaited Mardi Gras Festival. Mardi Gras, an English word for "Fat Tuesday" is a pre-Lenten holiday - a time for merry-making - that takes place on Shrove Tuesday in Italy, Spain and South America. In New Orleans, this day is particularly gaily celebrated, thus also in Gumbo.

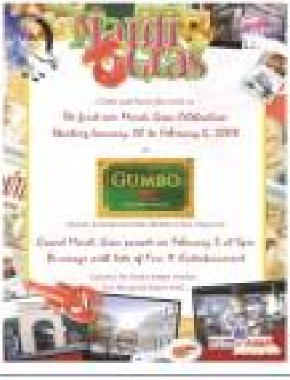
All three Gumbo restaurants will be decorated "ala mardi gras" in full colors predominant of which are purple, green and gold which symbolize justice, faith and power. Also, you will see the staff in complete costume with beautiful masks and headdresses they personally made for themselves, the best of which will eventually be awarded on February 5. Also guests who come in mardi gras costume will receive gift certificates from Gumbo which they can use on their next visit. Lovely jazz music will complete the ambience. Particularly, live jazz band will play on February 1-5, 8:00pm at Gumbo in SM Mall of Asia. Watch out for exciting games, competitions, fun, prizes and surprises, highlighted by a grand parade on February 5 (Fat Tuesday itself) at 8:00pm at the SM Mall of Asia.

Of course, not to be missed are Gumbo's best and outstanding dishes



such as Seafood Gumbo, Seafood Jambalaya, Four Seasons Salad, Baked Artichoke Formaggio, Bayou's Stuffed Crabs, Barbecued Shrimps, Cajun Fried Chicken, Mississippi Mud Pie, etc. Starting January 30, guests can also feast on "Let the Bourbon Ribs Roll" promo. Good for 8-10 persons, these delicious tender, char-grilled ribs in a bucket, served with French Fries and corn-on-the cob will surely be a hit! For every order of this sumptuous treat, guests will receive a specially made bead necklace. Likewise, all birthday celebrants who will come and celebrate in Gumbo on that week can take home a beautiful mardi gras headdress, not to mention the happy birthday serenade done by the staff with complimentary dessert with candle to blow. Finally make your dining at Gumbo more enjoyable with an order of HURRICANE, a favourite mardi gras drink, comes in tall glass and consists of four seasons, orange juice, grenadine and Bacardi Rum.

Come enjoy and be part of this fun and exciting mardi gras festival only at Gumbo. For reservations and inquiries, please call 5560238, 4420130 and 5571820.





SATURDAY *Special*

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Joy and sadness at Sundance

PARK CITY, UTAH—ASIDE from snow and good indie films, there's one other sure thing here at the Sundance film fest: The Asia Pacific filmmakers' reception at the China Panda Restaurant. This two-hour event of camaraderie among Asian/Asian-American film talents—traditionally held on a Sunday afternoon—has become a staple.

Asian gathering

Comedy

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales



After the Asian filmmakers' party, we trekked to the Eccles Theater for the premiere screening of "Smart People."



PINOY FILMMAKERS (From left) Christine Perfecto, Joanna Vasquez Arong, Marty Syjuco and Ramona Diaz



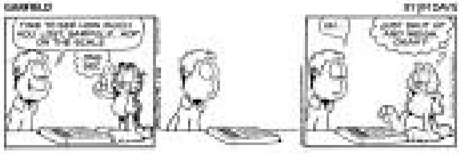
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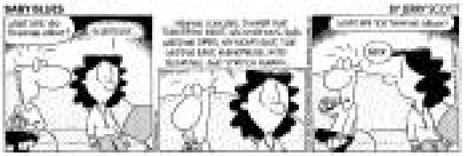
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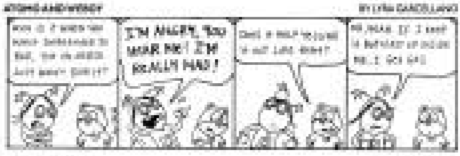
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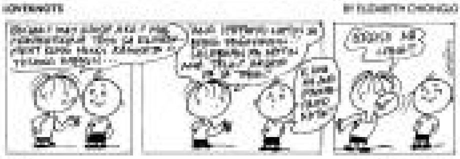
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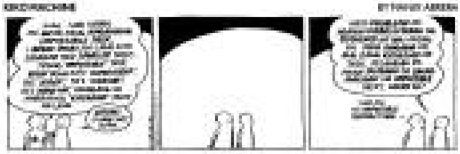
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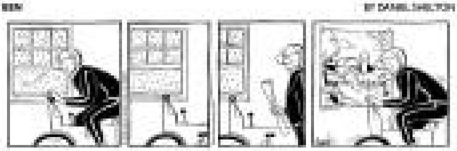
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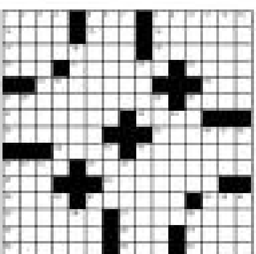
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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCES DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	8	2	4	6	7	5	3
2	5	6	7	9	3	8	1	4
4	7	3	8	1	5	9	2	6
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6	8	7	1	3	4	2	9	5
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8	2	4	3	7	1	5	6	9
9	3	5	6	2	8	4	7	1
7	6	1	4	5	9	3	8	2

Solving communication problems

Lotus Pond

SOME OF OUR FRIENDS attended an enlightening retreat recently. During a group discussion, a number of newly married female participants brought up

Less elbow room in newscasting limits Couric



COURIC: More formal and forthright.

Morning programs

Big shift

Notes



Nescafé marks 70th anniversary on 'Asap'

Musical segment

Pretty boys of the '50s remembered



DEAN: His acting style is admired to this day.



HUNTER: Found fame on his TV show.



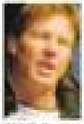
DONAHUE: Made a film in the Philippines.

Photogenic

Growing appeal

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QUAID: Plays a college professor in latest film.

TV series

Shocking death



PARKER AND BRODERICK: Topbill the Sundance entries, "Smart People" and "Diminished Capacity."

Richard Poon attains singing stardom



POON: Releases debut album, "I'll Take Care of You."

"Saw IV"

'Good Luck Chuck'

Sun Cellular 'invades' Davao

'Incredible Human Machine'

On the MGM Channel

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Movies on Cinemax

'Dreamer at Zafiro'

'Search for Little Stars'

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